



Meeting Minutes Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant Advisory Council Friday, July 22, 2011

Council Members Present:

Shirley Gifford, Jesse Metzger, Jodi Barnett, Cristy Willer, Diane Casto, Laurie Morton, Natasha Pineda, Sherrie Wilson, Devon Lewis

❖ SPF SIG Updates

The SPF SIG staff (Diane Casto and Devon Lewis) hosted our SPF SIG Proposal Evaluation Committee (PEC) on June 16th and 17th. Each of our workgroups were represented and consisted of the following members: Cindy Cashen (Advisory Council), Andrew Jessen (Epidemiology Workgroup), Shirley Holmberg (Evidence Based Interventions Workgroup and SPF TIG representative with Tanana Chiefs Conference) and Rebecca Busch (Evidence Based Interventions Workgroup). Of the 10 applications submitted, we selected six grantees; selection was based on the PEC score. There is an equitable regional distribution of grantees; 4 rural and 2 urban (we had initially identified that there must be at least 2 urban and 2 rural grantees).

The six (6) communities selected for funding are listed below:

1. **RurAL CAP** serving Teller, Savoonga and Shishmaref;
2. **Alaska Island Community Services** serving Wrangell, Petersburg, Coffman Cove, Edna Bay, Naukati, Point Baker, Port Protection and Whale Pass;
3. **Cook Inlet Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse** serving 13 communities in South Kenai including Homer, Seldovia, Port Graham, Anchor Point, Happy Valley, Ninilchik, Nanwalek, Halibut Cove, Nikolaevsk, Kachemak City, Voznesenka, Razdolna, and Kachemak Selo
4. **Yakutat Tlingit Tribe** serving Yakutat;
5. **Fairbanks Native Association** serving Fairbanks; and
6. **Southeast Alaska Regional Health Corporation** serving Juneau, Angoon, Craig, Haines, Hoonah, Hydaburg, Kake and Klukwan.

The four (4) applicants **not** selected for funding based on their PEC scores are:

1. Prince William Sound Community College (State-wide)
2. Co-Occurring Disorders Institute (CODI) in Mat-Su
3. Akeela (Ketchikan)
4. Alaska Council of School Administrators (Juneau)



❖ Workgroup Updates

Workforce Development

Natasha Pineda

The Prevention Workforce Committee met for the first time on April 5th where the workgroup explored ideas of what goals and interest areas of this workgroup should include. It was established that a focus area should be on expansion and longevity of the prevention workforce. Upon meeting on June 6th a shift happened; Natasha had met with Lisa Cauble with the Trust Training Cooperative as well as the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE). During this meeting it was decided that it would be helpful to work with competencies across seven disciplines. The workgroup is currently gathering information about core competencies in each of the discipline areas. The workgroup will also review SAMSHA prevention competencies to explore and build upon commonalities with Alaska's Core Competencies through the Mental Health Trust Authority and DHSS.

The UAA Evaluation team is interested in participating in these workgroups, as a means of following and evaluating the SPF SIG process.

Alaska Interagency Coordinating Committee on Prevention of Underage Drinking (AKPUD)

Natasha Pineda

AKPUD is a cross discipline workgroup dedicated to helping reduce and prevent underage drinking. This workgroup has not been meeting regularly, but will start to meet more often when we begin revising the current [Underage Drinking Plan](#). Many of these workgroup members are already on the SPF SIG Advisory Council or engaged in subcommittee work. To ensure that we don't duplicate efforts the AKPUD has become a subcommittee of the SPF SIG Advisory Council. Beginning in September they will begin to start meeting monthly.

Adult Influences Workgroup

Sherrie Wilson, CSAP Prevention Fellow

The Adult Influences Workgroup is a sub-committee of the Epidemiology (EPI) Workgroup. They have met four times since the beginning of March, 2011. In the beginning this workgroup explored consequence areas of consumption, such as DV/SA, crashes & collisions, and began to explore risk and protective factors for each of these areas. When the project's scope became too large the workgroup recalibrated; the workgroup is now focused on creating a document which speaks to risk and protective factors for adult heavy and binge drinking for Alaskans. The workgroup is currently exploring the criteria to use for their document.



Evidence Based Interventions (EBI) Workgroup
Jodi Barnett

Jodi is the co-chair of the EBI Workgroup—she works in partnership with Michael Sobocinski of the University of Alaska Anchorage. The EBI Workgroup is developing a guide to select evidence based interventions appropriate for SPF SIG communities. This guide is based on federal guidelines outlining what is “evidence based” for the purposes of the SPF SIG. Focus areas of this document include good fit, feasibility for the community, culturally appropriate, and types of evidence based interventions. This document will speak to the importance of adhering to the fidelity of the SPF and correct way to adapt interventions. The document gives examples of evidence based practices for Alaskan communities. The Division of Behavioral Health is currently reviewing and giving feedback so that Jodi and Michael may finalize the document and distribute it accordingly. The Advisory Council has requested to review the document, as well.

Epidemiology (EPI) Workgroup
Deborah Hull-Jilly

Deborah Hull-Jilly is the chair of the EPI Workgroup. The EPI Workgroup has finished the first draft of the Consumption and Consequence EPI Profile; this is a revised version of the Alaska EPI Profile. This profile contains the past nine (9) years of data. Before it can be posted online there are a few edits to be done by Glen Harvey, who works with publishing documents for Behavioral Health. Glen is currently out of the office until August 8th and it is anticipated that the Alaska EPI Profile will be completed that week. The final draft will have a section on influences specific to Alaska. The Alaska EPI Profile is a web based document.

Advisory Council members would like to know a set release date for this document.

SPF SIG Evaluators
Jesse Metzger

The SPF SIG Evaluators work through University of Alaska Anchorage, and are currently conducting Key Informant Interviews from various workgroup members. They will likely be completed by the end of business today (July 22). SPF SIG project staff will be receiving results and evaluations to go into a report for the SPF SIG Project Officer. One focus area of the Evaluation Team includes brainstorming how to obtain baseline data for each of our grantees. Measures include utilizing data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) and conducting individual level surveys such as the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS). However, we want strong coalition community-level data, and are still investigating ways to obtain this data.



❖ **Face to Face Meeting**

The SPF SIG grantees will be coming together for a face-to-face meeting in October. The dates have not been finalized yet, and we are looking at meeting Tuesday-Thursday on the week of October 3 or October 10. This meeting will be tied together with a face-to-face meeting of the Advisory Council and the workgroups so they will have time to meet prior to the grantee meeting, and will then be able to join for a ½-day (or more if desired) with the six community grantees. Details will follow.

❖ **Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be held on August 26th from 9:30-11:30 AM. Our call in phone number is 1-800-315-63383 and the code is 8407. An e-mail reminder and agenda will be sent to you prior to our meeting.